

Don't Touch Power Lines



Stay away from electrical power lines

Remember, don't touch power lines. Power lines carry high-voltages of electricity and contact can cause serious injury or be fatal.

Here are some general rules about power lines; take time to review them with your loved ones:

- Never climb or play around a power pole or other electrical equipment.
- Assume all power lines have electricity flowing through them and stay away.
- Check for overhead wires running near or through trees before climbing, pruning, picking fruit, or raising ladders.
- If you see a power line on the ground or dangling in the air, call your local electric utility and 911.
- Be aware that some electrical appliances may still "carry a charge" even when unplugged. Call a qualified repairperson to service them.

Need help with a utility complaint? Call 1-800-649-7570, or use the complaint form at: www.cpuc.ca.gov.

Want someone to speak at your community group meeting? Call the CPUC Outreach Program in Los Angeles: 213-576-7058, in San Diego: 619-525-4309, in Northern California: 415-703-2074. [rev. Feb. 2006]

Spend a little, save some more

Replace or clean your furnace filters. Dirty ones restrict airflow and use more energy.

Replace incandescent light bulbs. Use compact fluorescent bulbs because they use 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs.

Plug up those air leaks. Use weather-stripping or caulk around doors and windows to keep cold air out and warm air in during winter.

Install low flow showerheads. Low flow showerheads and faucets drastically cut hot water expenses, saving 10 to 16 percent of water heating costs.

Invest a little, save a lot

If you are planning some remodeling, or just need new appliances, invest in energy efficient ones.

Choose Energy Star appliances. Appliances that meet strict federal government standards receive an Energy Star rating. An Energy Star refrigerator uses about 20 percent less energy than a standard refrigerator and about 46 percent less than one made in 1980. Many times rebates are available for purchasing an Energy Star appliance.

Use ceiling insulation. Consider installing insulation or increasing your current level of insulation to R-38 to reduce heating costs by 5 to 25 percent.

Replace windows. Energy Star windows can reduce heating and cooling costs by up to 15 percent.